

MAN JUST NOWHERE.

The Federation of Womans' Clubs Begin
Their Session.

THIS IS WOMNAS' DAY IN CHICAGO.

Some Well Known Representatives of
Their Rights Still Alive.

MASSACHUSETTS IS IN THE LEAD.

Not Here to Nominate a President, but
for Social and Literary Organi-
zation—Minor Mention.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Several car loads of femininity have reached this city the past few days, from various portions of the continent. They are not here to nominate a president, but to attend the biennial meeting of the general federation of Womans' clubs, which is to meet tomorrow for a three days' session. This federation of Womans' clubs, is a club of clubs, being composed entirely of social and literary clubs for women. There were at first about 60 clubs in the federation, but there are now nearly three times that number. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown of Orange, N. J., the president of the federation, the work is assuming a character and proportions of which even its most enthusiastic promoters did not dream. Massachusetts has been from the first the banner state in the federation in respect to the number and character of its clubs, though Ohio is a very close second. Among those here are, Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Edna Dean Cheney, Mrs. Thomas Mack and many others. Some of these represent several clubs, for instance: Mrs. Woods is the president of the Unique Thought and Work club of Salem, Mass., besides holding membership in the New England Womans' club, the Womans' Press association, the Charity club, the Relief corps, the Wintergreen club, the National Press association, the Unity Art club and others. The New England Womans' Press association, an organization which ranks among the first of Boston's clubs, is represented by Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, and Mrs. Eliza R. Whiting of the Springfield Republican. Mrs. Harriet H. Robinson of Malden, a life long believer and worker in associations for women, represents the Old and New of that city, and will be among the best known club women at the convention. At 10:30 a. m., tomorrow an address of welcome is to be given by the president of the Chicago Womans' club, and the response will be made by the president of the federation. After the business routine of the day is over, at 8 p. m., there is to be a social gathering at Chicago Womans' club rooms, Art Institute building. Address by Miss Frances Willard, and also by Mrs. Charles Henrotin, vice-president of the board of lady managers of the Worlds Columbian exposition.

Sent to Angel Island.

DENVER, Col., May 9.—The recruiting officer at Fort Logan was surprised the other day by the appearance of banker C. H. Dow, and his son, Clarence L. Dow, who married Mlle. Price, the high kicker. Mr. Dow intimated that if his son could pass the necessary physical examination he would like to enlist in the United States army as a musician. The recruiting officer sent Clarence with an order to the post surgeon, who put the young man through the usual course and said he was qualified to serve Uncle Sam. Mr. Clarence, in violation of good military discipline, here offered Dr. O'Reilly a cigar. It surprised the doctor, but he took it. Clarence, from that hour, was a private soldier at \$13 a month. Mr. Dow explained that for divers reasons he would prefer that his son should not be stationed at Fort Logan. It is too near the scene of his former disgrace; so he, the musician, was assigned to the band of the First United States infantry, stationed on Angel island, San Francisco harbor. His instrument is the cornet, with which he has already made quite a reputation.

Parochial Schools.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Dr. McGlynn lectured last evening in Cooper Union on the school question. He denounced parochial schools, and said they had been established by men who wanted to see the old order of things revived, who were out of sympathy with the progress of the republic, who loved to see monarchy established again, and who wanted to make a living in that way. "In a short time," he said, "the spirit of freedom will assert itself, and the liberal Catholic will then throw off the weight he has been carrying, and support the public school system."

Sandwich Islands Coming In.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—It is said that Representative Blount, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, has made a cautious canvass among the leading members of the house to see what congressional support can be ob-

tained for a scheme for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands. The matter has as its origin the belief that it would be more politic for the United States to secure the possession of the islands than to allow England to either seize them or to establish a protectorate there. Dr. Mott Smith, Hawaiian minister, when asked about the matter, said he was not in the confidence of those who are reported to be interested in the move, but said he was not aware of any such plan. He said further that if the United States made Hawaii a fair proposition looking toward annexation it would be well received.

Romantic Tragedy in Ajaccio.

AJACCIO, May 9.—A tragedy with a strong color of romance has just been enacted in this ancient city, the birthplace of Napoleon. For months a band of smugglers and bandits have preyed upon the people of this vicinity, but always managed to elude the authorities. Luigi Betano, the head of the band, during one of his daylight rambles met Marietta Pagna, the pretty daughter of a wealthy merchant. In the course of time he made her acquaintance, and made violent love to her. The girl reciprocated his feelings and afterwards they met at night. He soon abducted her and imprisoned her in a cave, where she was held for ransom. The girl's father suspected that she had been secreted at the headquarters of the band, and instituted a search. The whole gang was arrested, but the girl was not found. A peculiar feature of the arrest was the frantic manner in which Betano resisted the officers. Some days afterward the authorities found a cave in a dense forest, where it proved the robbers had their headquarters. A further search revealed an adjoining cave, entrance to which was obstructed by a door. On breaking it open, they entered a spacious chamber filled with valuable booty, and in the center of the apartment was unfortunate Marietta, with her head fallen on her knees, and her hands clasped in unavailing prayer. On examination, it was found that she had died of starvation. The bandits has fastened her in their lair, and being all placed in prison were powerless to rescue her.

The Fifteen Acre Fire.

DETROIT, Mich., May 10.—On the night of April 27th a fire started in Chase, Lake county, this state which consumed fully fifteen acres of the town, and there was no insurance, except upon the drug stock of Zeb Ross, in whose store the fire started. He was charged with incendiary and arrested, and is now in jail awaiting trial. His clerk swore that Ross intimidated him and said that if he, the clerk would burn the store he could have a pot of money. He also swore that Ross showed him how to fire it by means of a tallow candle fuse, and showed him the best place to put it. The citizens threaten to hang Ross if the law releases him.

A Strange Case of Lunacy.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 9.—One of the strangest cases of lunacy ever developed was removed from the Atlanta jail to the state asylum at Milledgeville today. The case was that of Tom Wilson, a negro preacher, who has been in jail for the last three months, having been taken there by order of Judge Calhoun on a charge of lunacy. Wilson is a very intelligent negro. About four months ago, Wilson's son was arrested on a charge of burglary. Wilson signed a bond for his son's release, and as soon as the boy was out of jail he disappeared, and this drove his father insane.

Church and State Divorce.

OMAHA, May 10.—At the session of the M. E. Conference yesterday Dr. King offered a resolution for an amendment to the constitution of the United States, looking to the protection of public schools against religious encroachments, and to define the attitude of churches toward the schools; he asked conference to indorse a bill on the subject, which had been prepared upon the complete divorce of church and state. The resolution was adopted with applause.

Incendiary Fire.

HAYWARDS, Cal., May 10.—An incendiary fire yesterday destroyed \$100,000 worth of property in this city, upon which there was no insurance. The fire started in the Haywards agricultural works adjoining the electric light plant, completely destroying both establishments. When the hose companies reached the scene of the conflagration the fire was under good headway, but they did good work in saving the buildings near by.

Military Appointments.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 9.—Col. Weldrick, overseer of the grain transportation to and in the distressed provinces of Russia, has been appointed inspector of the whole system of Russian railways. The appointment of a military officer to the position has caused a sensation. The decree permitting the export of oats and corn will be issued Friday. The same action as to wheat will be taken three or four days later.

Peary Relief Expedition.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—The Academy of Natural Sciences has chartered the steamer Kite, for the Peary relief expedition.

Deeming the Demon.

MELBOURNE, May 9.—The execution of wife-murderer Deeming has been fixed for May 23d.

WIDE AWAKE JAPAN.

The Micado to be With us at the Columbia Fair Next Year.

REPRESENTED THE FOURTH TIME.

Fall of a Pretended Baron in London,
From Drink and Chloral.

GUILTY OF BASE MISCONDUCT.

Induced Pupils to Pawn Articles For
Money Which He Spent for Drink.
One Year—Other News.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Reports are confirmed that it is the purpose of the emperor of Japan to personally visit the Chicago exhibition next year, the information having been furnished to all the native papers. Such a visit would be unprecedented in the annals of this country, and could not fail to have the most beneficial results for Japan. The Chicago exhibition will be the fourth at which Japan will be represented. The articles exhibited at Philadelphia weighed 425 tons, and it is estimated by the official dealing with this matter that twice that amount ought to suffice for Chicago. The applications to exhibit become more and more numerous, and the number of articles manufacturers desire to send is already more than seven times the limit estimated. Of course it will be impossible for all those articles to go under government auspices, and the department has limited the amount to be sent to 1750 tons. The decision to do this was arrived at after a consultation with local governors, and a fixed scale of the amount to be sent from each district will be published shortly.

A Fallen Pretender.

LONDON, May 9.—Dr. John Homfaldt, who claimed to be a German baron, was caught in the act of robbing a till in Fleet street on the night of March 27th, and was convicted and sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment at hard labor. He had been employed as tutor in the family of an Englishman of wealth, but had lost his occupation and resorted to theft to obtain money. It transpired at his trial on Saturday that he was formerly a tutor at Eastbourne, where he had been dismissed for inducing the pupils under him to pawn articles of their clothing in order to buy him drink, and was guilty of other base misconduct. It was also proven that he was not a baron, though he was a man of highest education, and at one time enjoyed a high position in cultured and intellectual circles. His downfall was wrought by indulgence in drink, and by the chloral habit. He was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor.

The Iowa Demon Dead.

BENTON, May 9.—Joseph Hamilton, who spent the last seventeen years of his life in chains, is dead. He had a terrible mania—a thirst for human blood, which nothing could appease. He had to be kept in irons all the time. When 25 years of age Hamilton acquired the appetite by tasting blood in a fight. He was at a sparring match when he saw blood flow from the nose of one of the boxers, and went wild instantly. Drawing a knife, he plunged it into the heart of a bystander and drank his blood as it flowed. He killed another man before he was arrested.

Secretary Noble Sued.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—It has just come to light that while in New York attending the Grant monument ceremonies, Secretary Noble was served with papers for libel, in a suit begun by William Lapham who was removed from the office of chief of the stationery division of the patent office, and in the letter of dismissal the secretary is alleged to have used libelous statements against him. Friends of Lapham assert that the charges made against him were unjust, and they propose to ventilate the matter.

Forceful Measures in China.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A press special from Shanghai, via London, says the military students at Shun King have taken forcible measures to expel the British missionaries. It is claimed that their action was taken with the connivance of the viceroy of Sechuen, in which Shun King is situated.

Fatal Fire.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., May 9.—Sam Barrow's dwelling was burned this morning. His youngest child, a boy three years old, died from suffocation. His brother-in-law, aged 17 years, was burned to a crisp. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Latest Concerning Blaine.

PORTLAND, Or., May 11.—A close friend of Secretary Blaine says he will not accept. Now this ought to settle all dispute if anything can settle it.

Whisky did its Work.

CANARSIE, L. I., May 9.—Abel Smith, a colored farm hand, whose wife was dissipated, murdered her last night. He then threw himself in front of a train and was instantly killed.

The Seattle Arch-Conspirator.

SEATTLE, May 10.—Letters were received by Chief Jackson, Mrs. Radloff and William Behring tonight from William Radloff, the instigator of the scheme to swindle the life insurance companies of \$55,000. The letters came addressed to Behring, a family friend, who refuses to disclose the date line of the budget, but he says that Radloff is not in America. In his letter to Chief Jackson Radloff says that he is not afraid of any detective and advises the chief to save expenses and not hunt any more for him, as it is useless. He clears his wife of all complicity in the crime, and advises her to get a divorce. In the letter to the chief, Radloff refers to Kostrouch as a coward. According to the fugitive's story, it was his intention to commit suicide upon learning of his wife's infidelity; but he finally resolved on the scheme to burn the house with the cadaver and get the insurance money.

Is he a False Prophet.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 11.—Weather Prophet Vaughn of Norwalk, is at a discount. April 25th he predicted that early on Thursday morning, May 5th, a terrible storm would appear in the Pacific ocean in north latitude 25.30, 71 west of Washington, and swept eastward with wonderful impetuosity. That it would strike the Pacific coast, with its center in lower California, and across the continent at a terrific speed. The whole country between St. Paul and St. Louis was to be in its line of march. The storm, Vaughn adds, will sweep down upon the New York and New Jersey coast on or before May 12th. Some parts of the prediction have been verified, but still a large district discount his ability, notwithstanding he predicted the great March blizzard, and various other storms and cyclones with more or less success.

IT IS FUNNY BUSINESS.

Poland Jealous of the Increasing Number of Jews.

THE MALIGNANT HATERS OF LODZ.

A Place Where Ignorance and Superstition is Above Par.

MERCILESS WAR UPON HEBREWS.

Poland at War With Herself and so Ignorant That she Does not Know It—Minor Mention.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Details from Vienna have been received of the attack on the Jews by a mob of strikers at Lodz, a town of Poland, seventy-five miles from Warsaw. It appears that the Polish people of Lodz have been for some time jealous of the increasing number of Jews in the woolen and linen mills. Many of these were from the interior of Russia, having been driven from their former homes by persecution, and they were willing to work for very low wages. This was one of the causes that led to the strike at Lodz. During Passover week some enemies of the Jews circulated the report that they had stolen and murdered a Christian child in the course of the Passover ceremonies. This report was not believed by the intelligent, but it created great excitement among the ignorant. When the strike began the Jews continued at work, and this increased the irritation against them. For a long time it has been customary for the more malignant of the Jew haters in Lodz and other towns to go about pulling the beards and noses of the Jews. Many of the Jews submitted meekly unless the pulling was too severe, when they retaliated, and an incident of this kind is said to have been the immediate cause of the riot at Lodz. One of the strikers, meeting a Jew with an unusually developed nose, gave it an extra twist, which provoked the Hebrew to madness, and he resented by making a desperate attack on his persecutor. The latter raised a cry that the Jews were attacking the Christians, and then the strikers to the number of thousands started to make merciless war on the Hebrews. The latter defended themselves with the energy of despair, but the strikers had the best of the conflict and a number of the Hebrews were killed, as well as several of their assailants. The Russian troops, who were called to the scene, favored the rioters, and the latter continued to carry on the attack until wearied out. Much property was destroyed. The number of lives lost is not stated. In consequence of the socialistic labor riots at Lodz, the authorities have expelled 300 foreign workmen from Lodz. Forty of the leading rioters, including a number of socialistic agitators, were sentenced to long terms in prison.

Tom Mann Comes Forward.

LONDON, May 11.—Tom Mann, a well-known leader, will, at the coming general election, contest the seat in the house of commons for West Birmingham, now held by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

ROSLYN MINE HORROR

Half a Hundred Miners Instantly Killed by Explosion.

NO ONE LEFT TO TELL THE TALE.

The Worst Disaster That has Been Chronicled on the Coast.

RELIEF FORCES SET TO WORK.

Three Levels Affected—Every Man Probably Instantly Killed.
Other News.

ROSLYN, Wash., May 10.—At 1:45 this afternoon a terrible gas explosion occurred in the slope of mine No. 2 of the Northern Pacific coal company at this point, in which the loss of life exceeded in number that of any other disaster that has ever been chronicled in the northwest or on the Pacific slope. The exact nature of the explosion or the circumstances which led to it will probably never be known, since at this writing it is believed that every miner who was at work in the slope at the time has perished. The accident occurred just after the afternoon shift had gone on duty. A driver had just come out of the slope when a tremendous explosion occurred which upset his cars, knocked the mules and driver down and bruised a man a hundred feet away. The report was heard all over the town, and the mouth of the slope was soon surrounded by an anxious crowd, which grew in size every minute. It is not definitely known as to the number of men who were in the vicinity of the disaster, but it is believed that between forty-five and fifty were on the three levels affected by the explosion. Large relief forces are at work, and at this time two bodies have been recovered. These men were working nearest the opening and at some distance from the point where it is supposed the explosion occurred. Most of the men were 1,500 to 2,000 feet further in the slope and in the immediate vicinity of the accident. There is no doubt, either in the minds of the miners or the company officials, but what every man was instantly killed by the explosion. As soon as it was possible to enter, the relief forces set to work, but their progress was impeded by the smoke and damp which continued to roll from the tunnel. At 7:30 o'clock four bodies were reached. A progress was made the frightful execution of the explosion became more manifest. The timbers were torn out for hundreds of feet and the whole interior was fearfully wrecked. The scene surrounding the entrance to the mine was of a distressing character. The wives and children of many of the imprisoned men gathered around, and their distress was heartrending. In several instances the deceased miners will leave their families in comfortable circumstances, but in many cases the death of the husband, father, or son, removes their only support. The city hall was then turned into a morgue, and when a body is recovered it is laid in the hall to await identification and the action of the coroner. From the fearful wreckage of the slope interior, and the doubt as to the existence of fire in the lower level, there is no way of determining how soon the bodies can be recovered. Several of the miners who have been taken out are badly mutilated; in one instance the head being completely severed from the body. At midnight, about the only sound that breaks the stillness of the night air is the footsteps of pedestrians tramping to and from the mine, and rumble of the dead wagon as it brings its ghastly loads into the morgue, where lie fourteen maimed pieces of what was once humanity. It is the opinion of Supt. Harrison that the explosion occurred either in the sixth level, west, or in the seventh level, east, and his theory is that some of the miners struck a drill in a hole full of gas and water, the former forcing the latter out and bringing it in contact with the miner's lamp. He is convinced every miner who was working on either of the three levels at the time of the explosion is dead.

Should Have Secured Rooms.

PORTLAND, May 11.—A dispatch from Astoria says that passengers to the celebration are disembarked in a cold, drizzling rain and started on a tour of exploration about the town in search of lodgings. No regular headquarters or reception rooms have been provided, the only semblance being an information bureau where one can find the address of houses willing to accommodate a single gentleman for \$2 a night, or two gentlemen for \$2.50. Messenger boys will show you a house for four bits. The city hotels have not had any unengaged rooms for several days.

Spain Will be There.

MADRID, May 11.—The work on the caravels intended to be sent to America to take part in the Columbus celebration is being pushed day and night, and Sundays and holidays.

Fighting Looked For.

VENEZUELA, May 11.—The situation in Venezuela is not materially changed. Desertions continue from the government army. The deserters are principally peasants and laborers recently conscripted. Several skirmishes have taken place between the advance posts of the revolutionists and the government forces, but there has been no important fighting reported since the battle at Palito, in which the troops sent out from Puerto Cabello by Palacio's general were defeated. At Lagunera and Puerto Cabello all is quiet at present, and there is no longer any difficulty in discharging or loading cargoes. The normal condition of affairs is largely restored. No definite news has been received from the seat of the revolution. It is generally supposed, however, that the cause of rebellion is progressing favorably. In all likelihood the next big battle will be fought at La Victoria. The revolutionists surround that town on all sides, preventing communication between it and Caracás. Palacio's troops cannot render any aid to the besieged town. Crespo's men occupy all the commanding heights around La Victoria. The lull now existing cannot last long. Crespo continues to receive arms and ammunition. When a full supply shall have been obtained, he will assume the offensive. Until now he has been content to maintain his position around Valencia and La Victoria.

Idaho Miners' Strike.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 12.—The trouble between the miners' union and the mine owners' association in Coeur d'Alene is assuming a decidedly serious aspect. United States Marshal Pinkham, of Boise City, has arrived at Spokane on his way to the scene of trouble with warrants for the leaders and injunctions against the miners from the United States district court. The miners have received several hundred rifles and a quantity of ammunition. A gentleman who arrived from Coeur d'Alene City tonight, saw the rifles being transferred to the steamer on the lake. They were addressed to the president of the miners' union. This leaves little room for doubt that there will eventually be a conflict between the union miners and the non-union men, who are soon to be shipped there, or their guards.

Measly Talk.

NEW MEXICO, May 12.—Jay Gould, with all his millions, cannot purchase health, and that is about all he wishes to purchase, at present, notwithstanding which a press telegram says: "It transpires that Jay Gould's protracted visit was not solely for health. The annual meeting of the Pecos Valley railroad stockholders was held here, and it is currently reported that the road has passed into Gould's control. The officers refuse to talk upon the subject, but no doubt a deal of some kind is on. This road is in operation from Pecos, to Eddy, heading for Albuquerque, where it will meet the road to Durango, and thus make a through line from Galveston to Santa Fe. Possession of this road will give Gould control of all the trade in southeastern New Mexico."

Frightful Accident.

DEKALB, Mo., May 12.—Fred Sampson, aged 19 years, met his death while driving over a temporary bridge near here with a load of produce. As he reached the middle of the structure one end gave way, the team went backwards into a deep gully, the young Sampson was caught by the wagon and pinned to the earth. His mother and cousin were in a wagon which preceded him, and the woman was also seriously injured. The cousin ran to the nearest house for assistance, but before they returned Sampson was dead, having lingered in awful agony for twenty minutes and expiring in the presence of his injured mother who was unable to render him aid.

A Murderer Rewarded.

BERLIN, May 11.—Luecke, the sentry who, six weeks ago, shot and killed one citizen and severely wounded another before the barracks in Wrangelstrasse, has been promoted by Emperor William to be lance corporal. In addition, the emperor called Luecke before him and personally complimented him for sustaining army discipline. The emperor's treatment of Luecke has aroused indignation, as it is the general belief that he killed his man in cold blood. The newspapers comment bitterly on the matter, and the case of the shooting of the man by Luecke may be brought before the reichstag.

Emin Retreats.

ZANZIBAR, May 11.—Advices received here are to the effect that Emin Pasha had advanced as far as Bora, equatorial Africa, but was obliged to retreat for a lack of ammunition and provisions; and, being overtaken with rains which converted the whole country into a swamp, he fell ill and lost his sight. Emin still hopes to recapture Wadelai, with Stuhlman's help.

Crops in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—Reports received by the government regarding the condition of winter wheat show that the crop is in a favorable condition in the Polish, Baltic and the northwestern and the southeastern provinces, central Russia, Crimea and the Caucasus. In Kherson the crop is in an unsatisfactory condition. In the northeastern provinces the grain has not yet sprouted.